

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF WEST VIRGINIA PCS	)	
ALLIANCE LC FOR DESIGNATION AS A	)	
COMPETITIVE ELIGIBLE	)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER	)	CASE NO. 2006-00312
PURSUANT TO SECTION 214(e) OF THE	)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996	)	

O R D E R

On June 20, 2006, West Virginia PCS Alliance LC d/b/a NTELOS ("NTELOS"), a Personal Communications Service ("PCS") provider and common carrier as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(10), filed with the Commission a petition under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") to receive federal universal service support for service offered throughout its service area in the state of Kentucky.<sup>1</sup>

The petition states that: (1) NTELOS meets all the requirements for designation as an ETC to serve the designated areas in the state of Kentucky;<sup>2</sup> (2) NTELOS requests designation throughout each of the designated areas within its service coverage;<sup>3</sup> (3) in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2), NTELOS is entitled to be

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<sup>1</sup> NTELOS requests ETC designation throughout its service area in Kentucky. See Petition at 1 and Exhibits B and C.

<sup>2</sup> Id. at 3-5.

<sup>3</sup> Id. at 3 and Exhibit B.

designated as an ETC in non-rural wirecenters;<sup>4</sup> and (4) designation of NTELOS as an ETC for the designated areas served in Kentucky will serve the public interest.<sup>5</sup>

The Commission seeks comment on NTELOS's petition from affected parties and the general public. The Commission will also set a procedural schedule for this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Comments on the application shall be filed within 20 days of the date of this Order.
2. Information requests to NTELOS should be filed within 40 days of the date of this Order.
3. Responses to information requests to NTELOS should be filed within 60 days of the date of this Order.
4. Requests for a public hearing in this matter should be filed within 75 days of the date of this Order.
5. If no requests for a public hearing are made, parties may file any additional comments on the application and information requests for the Commission to consider within 90 days of the date of this Order.

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<sup>4</sup> Id. at 4.

<sup>5</sup> Id. at 6 - 7.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of July, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST

Executive Director